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REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 22, 36 and 54-58 have been amended, and claims 21, 34-35 and 37-39 have been cancelled herein. Applicants' representative notes with appreciation the indication that claims 21, 35 and 39 have been deemed allowable, and that independent claims 1, 22, 36 and 54-58 would be in condition for allowance if the limitations of the allowable claims were incorporated therein. To this end, the independent claims have been amended to comport with the Examiner's indication, and as such these claims (and those that depend there from) are now believed to be in condition for allowance. A version of all pending claims is found at pages 3-14. In response to the Examiner's suggestion, the title of the subject application has been changed from "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROGRAM EDITING", to "METHOD FOR EDITING SOFTWARE PROGRAMS", accordingly, the specification has been amended to reflect this change. Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

In addition, it should be noted that applicants' representative intends to file a continuation application to pursue the original and/or rejected claims.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-59 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Trowbridge *et al.* (US 6,484,313). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments, incorporating the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner, to independent claims 1, 22, 36 and 54-58.

II. Rejection of Claims 15, 33 and 48 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 15, 33 and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Trowbridge *et al.* (US 6,484,313) taken with Saunty *et al.* (US 6,327,702). Reversal of this rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments, incorporating the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner, to independent claims 1, 22 and 36 from which claims 15, 33 and 48 respectively depend.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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